

REMARKS

5 Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

 The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

10 Claims 1-26 are currently pending. Claims 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 21-26 and claim 27 is hereby cancelled, without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter deleted therein.

 Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-26.

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 Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

 Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-26.

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Respectfully submitted,

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